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Detectives Arrest Man for Failing to Disclose HIV and Sex with a Minor

Yesterday Leon County Sheriff's Office Violent Crimes and Special Victims Unit detectives were called out to a residence after it was learned a 16-year-old male had been talking with 34-year-old Stephen Speights online. During the course of the conversation, the juvenile disclosed his age and Speights sent him a sexually explicit picture and asked for the juvenile to do the same.

As they continued to talk, Speights agreed to pick the juvenile up from his residence. They went to a local park and eventually went to Speights' residence. Speights allowed the juvenile to perform a sexual act on him there.

During the course of the investigation it was learned Speights is HIV positive, knew this, and did not disclose it to the juvenile. Speights was taken to the Leon County Detention Facility.

Image Exempt per
Florida Statute 119

Arrested:

Stephen E. Speights
34 years of Age

Charges:

Unlawful Sex with Certain Minors, Travel to Meet a Minor for Sex, Transmit Harmful Material to Minor, Person Infected with HIV not Disclosing such Prior to Sexual Intercourse

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